

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 901

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Calvin C. "Bud" Willis of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Calvin C. Willis; and

WHEREAS, Calvin "Bud" Willis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of Bud Willis Paint and Decorating for thirty-four years, in which position he earned the respect of a grateful public for the exemplary quality of his work and his commitment to customer service; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Willis also worked as a project manager for the Landmark Corporation and served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Korean War on the USS Shields DD 596; and

WHEREAS, Bud Willis served as chairman of the board of the Johnson City, Washington County Boys and Girls Club; his outstanding leadership was recognized by his induction into the Wall of Fame, and his receipt of the Outstanding Communicator and Man and Boy National awards, the Board Member of the Year award, and the Volunteer of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, an involved member of his community, Calvin Willis served as chairman of the Washington County Economic Development Board, campaign chairman for Senator Howard Baker and Tex Ritter for U.S. Senate, a member at-large for the State of Tennessee as an elector for President Ronald Reagan, was a member of the Greene Valley Development Center

Board for twelve years, and performed with the Washington County Singing Republicans at the Republican National Convention in 1968; and

WHEREAS, a football, basketball, and baseball coach, Mr. Willis coached the Henry Johnson Redskins to several undefeated seasons; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Willis was an active and devout member of the Lone Oak Christian Church, which he served faithfully for fifty-three years as a chairman of the board, a deacon, and an elder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Willis enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Janet Greene Willis, and was the proud father of Anne Patrick, Calvin Wesley Willis and wife, Lisa, Lydia Watts and husband, Mike Bulla, and Blaine Greene Willis and fiancé, Meg Eason; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Willis will also be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Clinton Calvin Patrick, Laura Ashley Watts, Emily Ann Willis, Daniel Wesley Willis, and James Calvin Willis; great-grandchildren, Elijah Phillips and Jace Watts Willis; brother-in-law, Larry Young; sister-in-law, Shirley Willis; Susan and Linda Brown, Susan, John, and Ralph Willis, and many nieces nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Willis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Calvin C. "Bud" Willis, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Willis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.